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*Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.*

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## **Rams grant applications now being accepted**

The Missouri State Library is now accepting applications for the 2004 St. Louis Rams Library Collection Grant program. The grant program is sponsored by the St. Louis Rams and administered by the State Library.

The grant consists of \$400 for books from the Rams Library Collection list, which includes sports themed books and books chosen by the Rams players as childhood favorites, Rams bookplates, and \$100 for related programming. Eighteen grants were awarded statewide in 2003.

Application forms will be mailed to each public library and branch. Applications must be postmarked by June 11, 2004.

For more information or to request an application, please contact Krista Adams at [krista.adams@sos.mo.gov](mailto:krista.adams@sos.mo.gov), or 1-800-325-0131, ext. 16.

## **ALA literacy and baseball campaign underway**

New incentives, online tools in English and Spanish, and events at Major League Baseball games nationwide highlight the third year of the American Library Association's Join the Major Leagues @ your library program. This year's program features an online baseball trivia contest and a trip to the 2004 World Series for the grand prize winner.

Running through September 10, the program focuses on public libraries and is designed to complement summer reading efforts. More than 1,000 libraries have already registered for the initiative.

Librarians can access the program at [www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/jointhemajorleagues](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/jointhemajorleagues) and are encouraged to promote the program to library users of all ages. To assist librarians, ALA has prepared a toolkit with sample press materials and programming ideas, program logos, bookmarks, posters, and mascot artwork. A short registration process is required to access the tools, and librarians are eligible to receive a free program poster while supplies last.

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